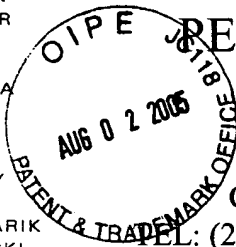


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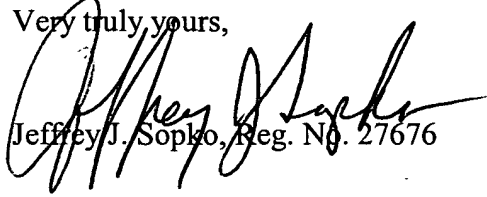
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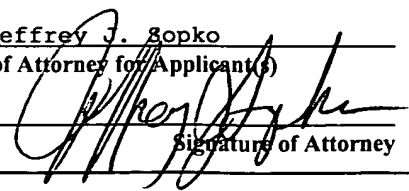
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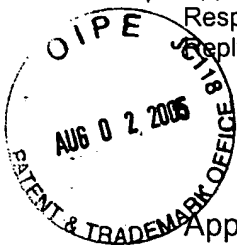
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AMENDMENT A
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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated December 18, 2003. The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on March 18, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract (page 23, lines 2-21) as follows:

~~The present invention is directed to a gastrostomy device comprising, A~~
gastrostomy device includes a tubular portion defining a longitudinal axis, and an
internal bolster having a radial wing secured to the tubular portion, ~~the internal bolster~~
~~being flexible to permit.~~ The internal bolster is flexible and permits elastic deformation
between a first orientation ~~generally aligned with the longitudinal axis,~~ with the wing
wrapped into a generally cylindrical configuration and a second orientation with the wing
unfurled ~~and extending generally transverse to the tubular portion longitudinal axis and~~
~~a.~~ A constraining member encasing encases the internal bolster to retain the internal
bolster in the first orientation, ~~with the wing wrapped into the generally cylindrical~~
~~configuration,~~ and to cover at least a major portion of the wrapped wing, ~~wherein the~~
~~removal.~~ Removal of the casing permits the internal bolster to move from the first
orientation to the second orientation. The internal bolster may be deployed by ~~the use~~
~~of a ripcord to tear through the wall of the capsule,~~ freeing the internal bolster ~~of the~~
~~gastrostomy device~~ into the patient's stomach and deploying the internal bolster to a the
second orientation ~~with the wing unfurled and extending generally transverse to said~~
~~tubular portion longitudinal axis.~~ Alternatively, the internal bolster may be deployed by
the constraining member being dissolved by the patient's bodily fluids located inside the
patient's stomach.


Please add the following paragraph at page 6, line 6:

FIG. 12 illustrates the gastrostomy feeding device having a double loop ripcord
arrangement according to an aspect of the present invention.

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This communication is filed in response to the Advisory action dated October 4, 2004. The three-month period for responding to the final Office action expired on September 2, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for response up to and including November 2, 2004.

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title on page 1, line 1 of the specification with the following new title:

-- PERCUTANEOUS GASTROSTOMY DEVICE--

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Original) A percutaneous gastrostomy device comprising:

a tubular portion having a distal end;

an internal bolster secured to said distal end, said internal bolster having a radial wing secured to said tubular portion, said internal bolster being flexible to permit elastic deformation between a first orientation generally aligned with said longitudinal axis, with the wing wrapped into a generally cylindrical configuration and a second orientation with the wing unfurled and extending generally transverse to said tubular portion longitudinal axis, said wing including a pocket;

a rod member, a projecting end and a handle, said rod member having a hollow tube along its longitudinal axis, said rod member being removably received within said tubular portion and said projecting end being removably received within said pocket of said internal bolster; and

a constraining member encasing said internal bolster to retain said internal bolster in said first orientation, with said wing wrapped into said generally cylindrical configuration and to cover at least a major portion of said wrapped wing, said constraining member having a ripcord attached thereto for tearing said constraining member and deploying said internal bolster, allowing said internal bolster to move from said first orientation to said second orientation.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The percutaneous gastrostomy device according to claim 2, wherein the constraining member encasing said internal bolster is in the form

3 of a capsule having an axial hole therein.

1 5. (Original) The percutaneous gastrostomy device as set forth in claim 4,
2 wherein said ripcord is threaded through the hollow tube, through an opening in a
3 pocket on the internal bolster, through a passage in the pocket, and out through a
4 pocket exit hole, through the capsule, through a hole in the capsule, along the sidewall
5 of the capsule and back through the pocket exit hole and back through the hollow tube,
6 both ends of the ripcord extending through a handle of the rod member and both ends
7 are fastened to a pull tab.

1 6. (Original) The percutaneous gastrostomy device as set forth in claim 5,
2 wherein said ripcord is threaded through said the hole located in said capsule and along
3 a side of a wall of said capsule and positioned to tear said capsule wall.

1 7. (Original) The percutaneous gastrostomy device as set forth in claim 5,
2 wherein said ripcord is threaded twice through said hole located in said capsule and
3 along each side wall of said capsule to tear said capsule walls.
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1 8. (Currently amended) A percutaneous gastrostomy device comprising:
2 a tubular portion defining a longitudinal axis;
3 an internal bolster having a single radial wing secured to said tubular portion,
4 said internal bolster being flexible to permit elastic deformation between a first
5 orientation generally aligned with said longitudinal axis, with the wing wrapped into a
6 generally cylindrical configuration and a second orientation with the wing unfurled and
7 extending generally transverse to said tubular portion longitudinal axis; and
8 a constraining member encasing said internal bolster to retain said internal
9 bolster in said first orientation, with said wing wrapped into said generally cylindrical
10 configuration, and to cover at least a major portion of said wrapped wing, wherein the
11 removal of said constraining member permits the internal bolster to move from said first
12 orientation to said second orientation.

13 wherein the constraining member encasing said internal bolster is in the form of
14 a capsule, and

15 ~~The percutaneous gastrostomy device as set forth in claim 3, wherein said~~
16 ~~capsule is made of a material dissolvable in the patient's stomach.~~

1 9. (Original) The percutaneous gastrostomy device as set forth in claim
2 4, wherein said capsule is made of a material dissolvable in the patient's stomach.

10-15 (Cancelled)

1 16. (Currently amended) A percutaneous gastrostomy device comprising:
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11 removal of said constraining member permits the internal bolster to move from said first
12 orientation to said second orientation.

13 ~~The percutaneous gastrostomy device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a locking~~
14 ~~ring is positioned medially along the tubular portion, and sized to frictionally engage the~~
15 ~~tubular portion, and slidably mounted there along, and adjustable solely by frictional~~
16 ~~engagement with the tubular portion to accommodate to the size of the wearer, the~~
17 ~~locking ring providing a plurality of perforations and spaced ridges to enable air~~
18 ~~circulation between the locking ring and the body.~~
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1 17. (Original) The percutaneous gastrostomy device as set forth in claim
2 2, wherein a locking ring is positioned medially along the tubular portion, and sized to
3 frictionally engage the tubular portion, and slidably mounted there along, and adjustable
4 solely by frictional engagement with the tubular portion to accommodate to the size of
5 the wearer, the locking ring providing a plurality of perforations and spaced ridges to
6 enable air circulation between the locking ring and the body.

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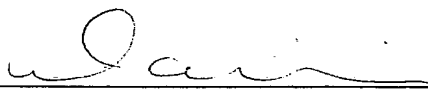
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In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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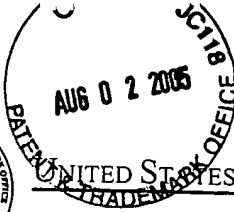
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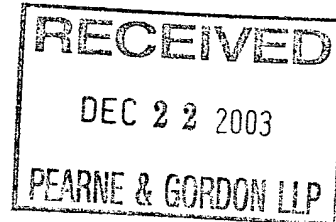
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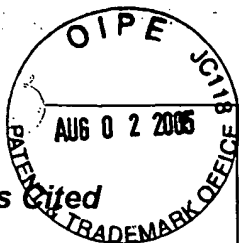
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